

# The tales of a Lazy DevOps Building a PaaS

# Lazy DevOps

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Once Upon a time ...

The legend says that  
company was acquired and...

# Bussines requirements

- SOC2 Compliance
- Secure
- High Availability

**BORING**

# Availability and Security

- Multiple AZs
- Private and Public subnets
- Individual SGs
- CIS Baseline

Just follow AWS guidelines and CIS baseline

# SOC2 Compliance

- Audit everything, All changes requires a PR on GitHub
- Deployments using Samson
- Logging, Cloudwatch, and Elasticsearch streaming

even more BORING



# Developers requirements

- Minimum impact to the current workflow
- Avoid decreasing developers efficiency
- We don't care about this boring stuff

PS: I will try my best, I swear!

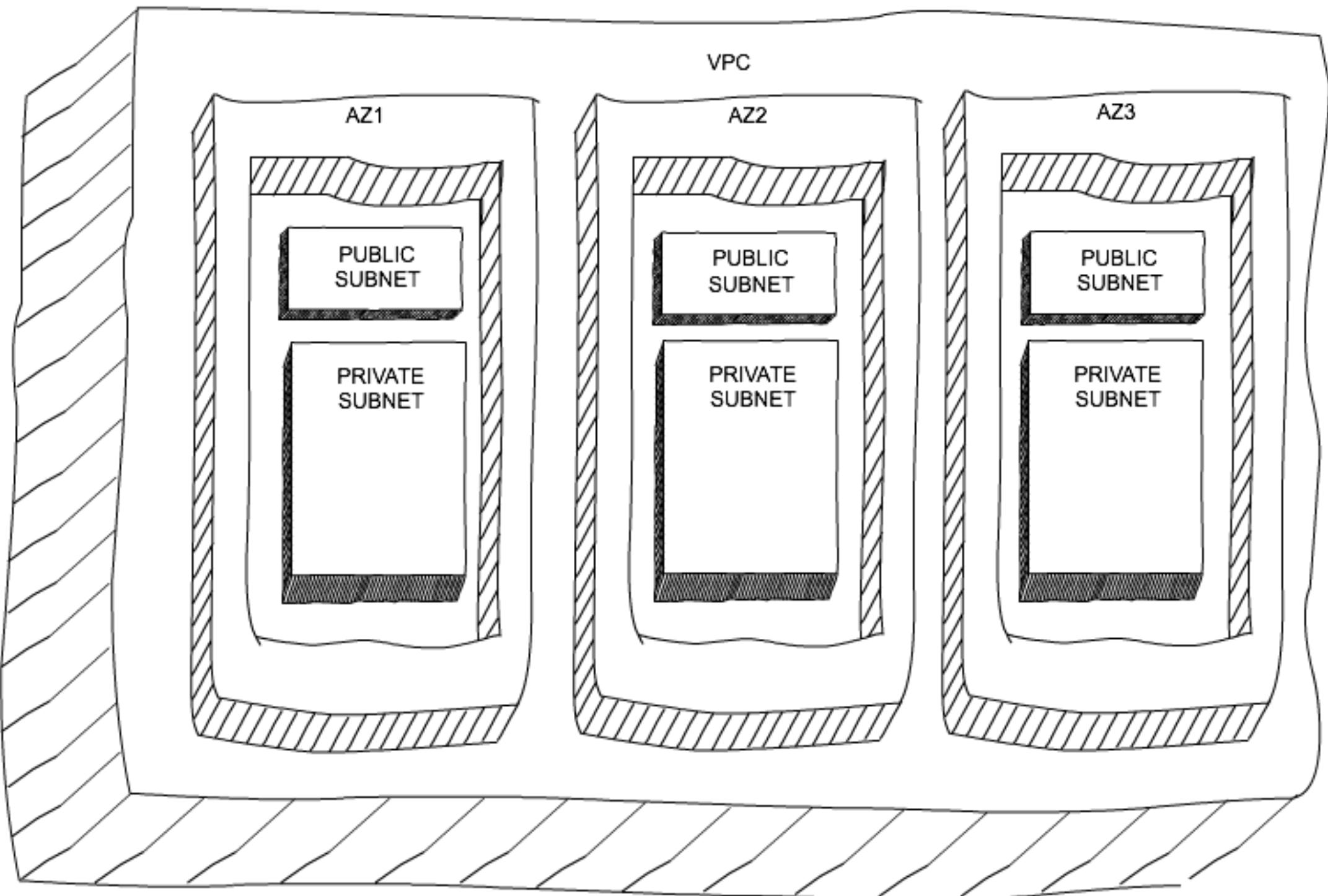


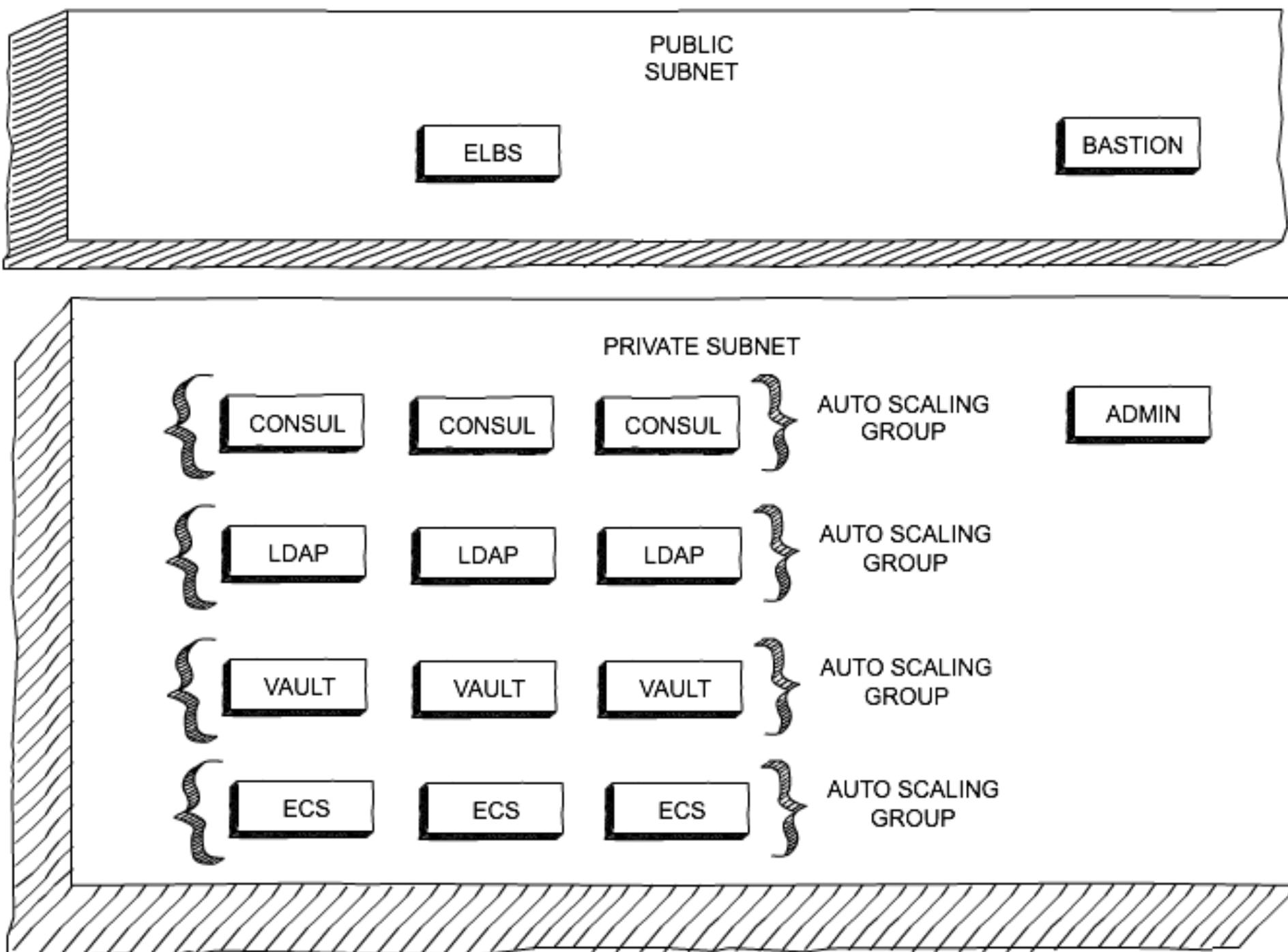
# PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS

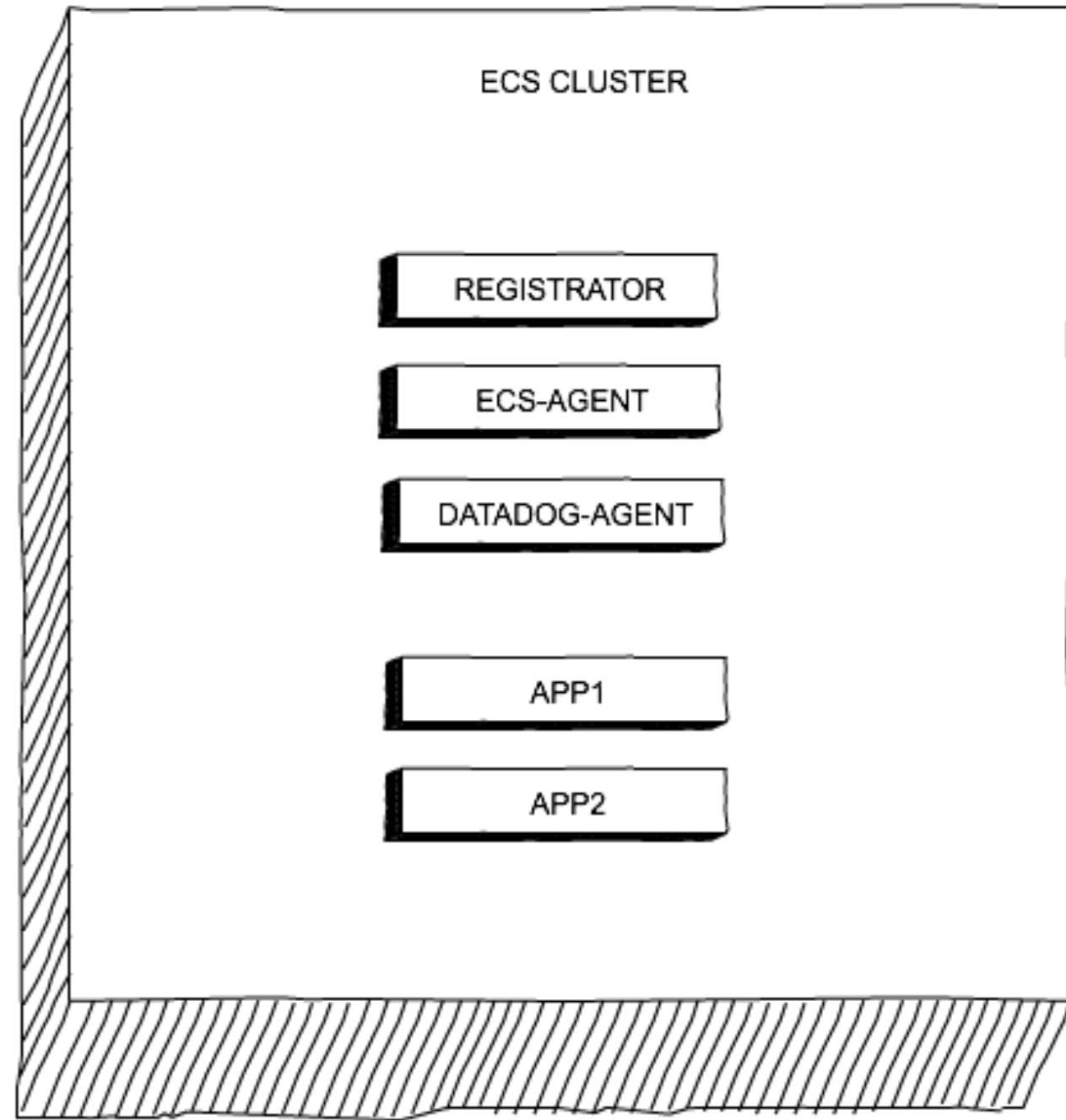
# Personal requirements

- Ephemeral
- Self-healing
- Minimum work
- Simple









**e·phem·er·al** [ih-fem-er-uhl]

*adjective*

1. lasting a very short time; short lived; transitory
2. lasting but one day

# Requirements

- No customer data on instances
  - S3
  - RDS
  - Amazon ElastiCache
  - Amazon ElasticSearch

# Self Healing

# Requirements

- Automatic configuration
- Automatic application deployment
- Autoscaling Groups

# Bootstrap

- I. Automation (chef/puppet/ansible/...) ✗
  - I.1 Increase complexity
  - I.2 Hard to get it right with ASG
- 2. Custom AMI per hostgroup ✗
  - 2.1 Hard to maintain and update
  - 2.2 No individual configuration

# Bootstrap

- Base AMI + cloud-config ✓
  - Defaults backed on the AMI
  - Customizations through cloud-config

# Packer

- Example

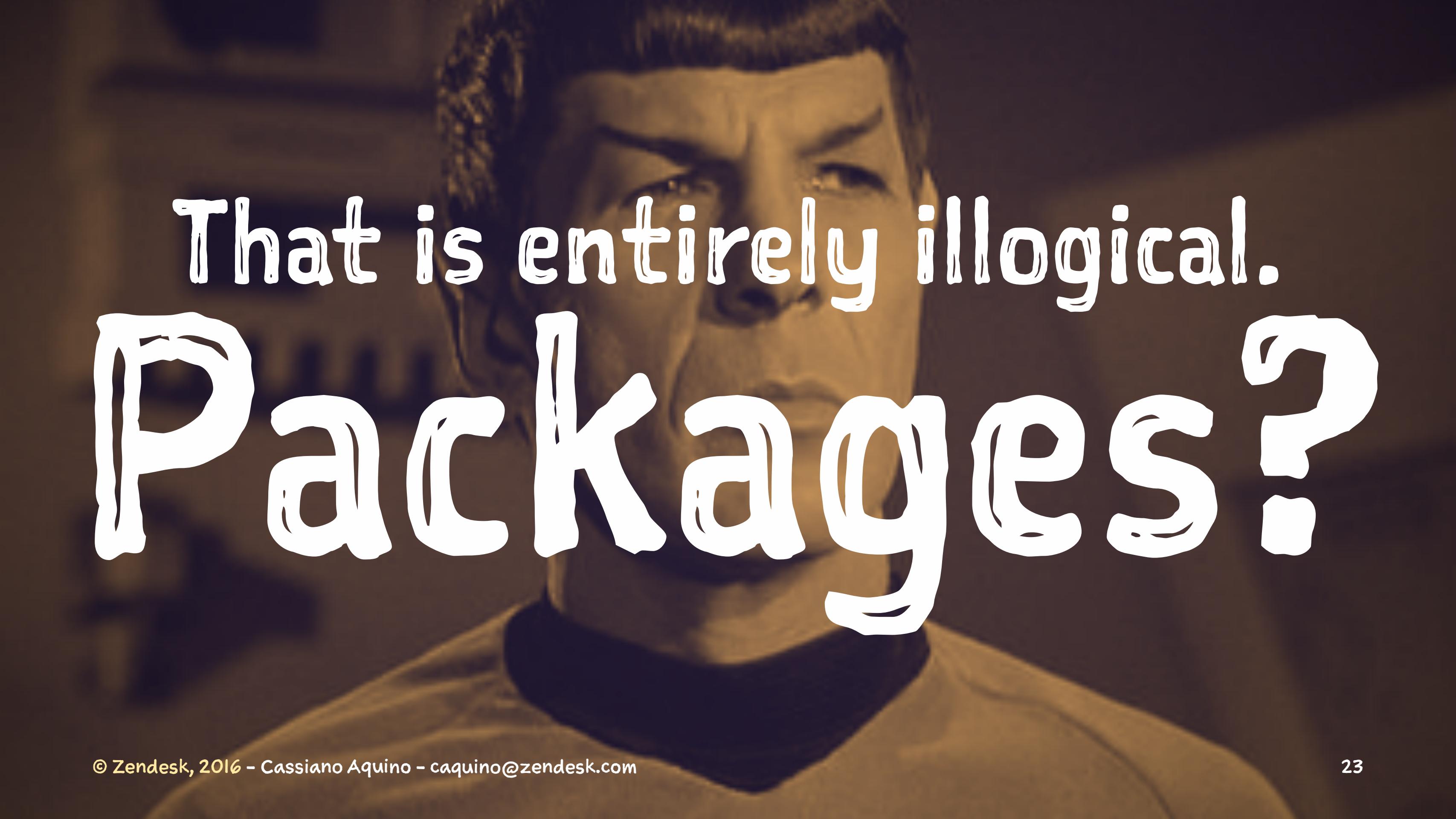
# ASG

- Autoscale all the things!
- Harder to maintain?
- More Difficult to automate?
- How to handle new nodes?



# Options

- Automation ✗
- Individual Images ✗
- Base image, custom packages, and PMA ✓

A close-up photograph of a man's face. He has dark hair and is wearing glasses. His gaze is directed towards the right of the frame, and he has a contemplative or slightly weary expression.

That is entirely illogical.

Packages?

# Packaging

- fpm-cookery
  - Consul recipe
  - Base config
  - Scripts
- travis-ci
  - Build

OK, BUT WHAT ABOUT  
REALLY REALLY REALLY  
**CUSTOM**  
CONFIGURATION?

# Option 1

## cloud-config

```
#cloud-config
bootcmd:
  - echo 'SERVER_ENVIRONMENT=${environment}' >> /etc/environment
  - echo 'SERVER_GROUP=${name}' >> /etc/environment
  - echo 'SERVER_REGION=${region}' >> /etc/environment
  - echo 'SERVER_HOSTGROUP=${hostgroup}' >> /etc/environment
  - systemctl enable consul-server-config
  - systemctl enable consul-server
runcmd:
  - systemctl start --no-block consul-server
```

# cloud-config

- Works well to individual node configuration
- It's not built to handle clusters and groups
- Does not support individual customization on ASGs

# Poor Man's Automation

PMA is NOT  
automation!

It's a hack that works for me!

# Poor man's automation

- Abusing Systemd
- Configures Consul / Starts Consul
- Format EBS / Mount EBS

# Infrastructure Configuration

- Terraform
- Packer
- Consul
- Vault

# Application Configuration

- Consul - Service Discovery
  - registrator
  - envconsul
  - consul-template
- Vault - Secret Management

# ECS

- Service provisioning
- Application deployment

# terraform

# Friendly advice

- take good care of your state file
- split your environments in different states
- modules == functions
- terraform fmt
- terraform plan

# Conditionals

```
variable "resource_enabled" {
  default = 0
}

resource "aws_instance" "main" {
  count = "${var.resource_enabled}"
  ...
}
```

# Terraform

→ travis-ci + terraform validate

# Terraform 0.7

```
data "aws_ami" "base_ami" {
    owners      = ["self"]
    most_recent = true
    filter {
        name      = "name"
        values    = ["base/*"]
    }
    filter {
        name      = "tag:QAStatus"
        values    = ["pass"]
    }
}
```

# Terraform 0.7

```
data "aws_iam_policy_document" "consul_ro_policy" {
  statement {
    actions = [
      "ec2:Describe*",
      "autoscaling:Describe*",
    ]
    resources = [
      "*"
    ]
    effect = "Allow"
  }
}
```

# Infrastructure and Services

- Both managed by Terraform, different repositories
- Freedom to developers
- Easier to audit
- Incident blast management

# Services

```
module "my_awesome_app" {
  source          = "github.com/bimeio/stack//service"
  name           = "my-awesome-app"
  image          = "my_awesome_app"
  port            = 80
  environment    = "${module.stack.environment}"
  cluster         = "${module.stack.cluster}"
  iam_role        = "${module.stack.iam_role}"
  security_groups = "${module.stack.internal_elb}"
  subnet_ids      = "${module.stack.internal_subnets}"
  log_bucket      = "${module.stack.log_bucket_id}"
  zone_id         = "${module.stack.zone_id}"
}
```

# What you get?

- an ECS task definition
- an ECS service definition
- a Consul service/health check

## External Service

- registrator register service with Consul

# NGINX+

```
resolver localhost:53 valid=10s;

upstream backend {
    zone upstream_backend 64k;
    server service.consul service=my_awesome_app resolve;
}

server {
    location / {
        proxy_pass http://backend;
    }
}
```

# What about new backends?

## → consul-template

```
{{ range $service := services }}  
  {{ if ne .Name "consul" }}  
    upstream {{ $service.Name }} {  
      zone $service.Name 64k;  
      server service.consul service=$service.Name resolve;  
    }  
    {{ end }}  
{{ end }}
```

I hope we will live  
happily ever after

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